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1743**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In re United States Patent Application of:****Applicant:** HUNNELL, Jack, et al.**Application No.:** 09/761,606**Date Filed:** January 16, 2001**Title:** TISSUE PROCESSOR**Docket No.:** 2778-119**Examiner:** LUDLOW, Jan M.**Art Group:** 1743**Confirmation No.:** 5806**Customer No.:** 23448**EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE**

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**AMENDMENT RESPONDING TO FEBRUARY 18, 2004 OFFICE ACTION
IN UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION NO. 09/761,606**

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Sir:

This responds to the February 18, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified application.

Please amend the claims of the application as set out in the following **Section I (Amendments of the Claims)**.

Remarks addressing the various issues raised in the February 18, 2004 Office Action are set out in **Section II (Remarks)** hereof.